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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5040

INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, HU, CH

SUBJ: HUNGARIAN REACTION TO DEATH OF CHOU EN LAI

1. EMBASSY HAS DELAYED REPORTING UNTIL NOW IN ORDER TO
OBSERVE FULL GOH AND PARTY REACTION TO CHOU EN LAI'S DEATH.
HSPW HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY SILENT ON DEATH AND PARTY
CONDOLENCES WERE NOT SENT TO PEKING.

2. ONLY OFFICIAL GOH ACT WAS BRIEF TELEGRAM SENT TO STATE
COUNCIL OF PRC "OFFERING ITS CONDOLENCES ON THE OCCASION OF
THE PASSING AWAY OF CHOU EN LAI, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE
COUNCIL".

3. PRESS HAS NOT CARRIED ITS USUAL SERIES OF ANTI-CHINESE
DIATRIBES THIS WEEK AND THIS MAY BE ONLY VISIBLE -- ALBEIT
SHORT-LIVED -- IMPACT OF CHOU EN LAI'S DEATH ON
HUNGARIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS. UP UNTIL CHOU'S DEATH,
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RELATIVELY STRONG ATTACKS WERE BEING CARRIED OUT BY

HUNGARIAN LEADERS -- LATEST WAS DELIVERED BY JANOS
KADAR BEFORE CUBAN PARTY CONGRESS. RETURN OF SOVIET
HELICOPTER CREW DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE RESULTED IN
ANY SOFTENING OF OFFICIAL PROPAGANDA AGAINST
"MAOISM" AND OTHER EVILS OF CHINESE LEADERS.
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